

# Minutes

## Woolsthorpe Wind Farm Community Engagement Committee

Meeting date Friday 4 December 2020  
Meeting time and location 10.30am, via Zoom

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### 1. Welcome

### 2. Attendees

Cr Damian Gleeson (Acting Chair)  
Cr Jim Doukas  
Glenn Britnell, Community Representative  
Scott de Keizer, Woolsthorpe Asset Pty Ltd  
Mark Thompson, Woolsthorpe Asset Pty Ltd  
Barry Thebes, Powercor  
David Holroyd, Powercor

Vicki Askew-Thornton, Major Projects Liaison Officer, Moyne Shire (non-member)

### 3. Apologies

Nil.

### 4. Declarations of interest

None declared.

### 5. Election of Chairperson

Held over to the next meeting.

### 6. Minutes of previous meeting

Moved by Scott de Keizer, seconded by Mark Thompson that the minutes of the CEC meeting held on 11 September 2020 be accepted.

**CARRIED**

### 7. Business arising from previous Minutes

- 7.1 *Powercor will provide information on how it will communicate regarding any power outages during construction of the distribution line.*  
Response: A stakeholder engagement plan will be developed by Powercor., setting out how it will communicate with relevant landholders and other stakeholders in relation to any necessary power outages during construction of the line. Methods of communication would include letters and notices in local newspapers.

Powercor confirmed it would consult with dairy farmers along the route prior to finalising outage schedules, to minimise the impact on farming activities such as milking.

7.2 *Council to check how many meetings Bill Slattery had attended as a proxy for Nick Slattery. The Charter requirements around proxies is to be discussed.*

Summary of discussion:

The intent of Council's Advisory Committees in regard to meeting attendance and proxies is:

- Members should regularly attend meetings.
- A proxy may replace a member's attendance on occasion, at the agreement of the Chair. A proxy is not intended to replace the regular attendance of a Council-appointed Community Representative.
- A guest may be invited to attend a CEC meeting, at the discretion of the Chair.

If a community representative vacancy occurs on a CEC, Council generally undertakes a process for advertising the vacancy via a newspaper advertisement and letters to landholders in the districts surrounding the wind farm site.

Moved by Glenn Britnell, seconded by Cr Doukas that the Committee accept Nick Slattery's resignation when it is received. **CARRIED**

## 8. Correspondence Incoming

Nil.

## 9. Correspondence Outgoing

Nil.

## 10. Reports

### 10.1 Woolsthorpe Asset Pty Ltd (WA):

- The connection package has been submitted to AEMO. AEMO will now assess the package which is expected to occur in first quarter of 2021. When AEMO issues a connection agreement, construction can commence. It is proposed this could be in mid-2021.
- WA is reviewing several of the endorsed wind farm development plans as the timelines in those plans are no longer accurate. Minor amendments to the plans regarding timelines will need to be approved by the Minister for Planning via a secondary consent process.  
It was requested that WA also review the quarry sources listed in the endorsed TMP, as there are other wind farms in the area that may move to construction next year therefore the availability of quarry material could be impacted.

### 10.2 Powercor – distribution line:

- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) field work is completed and the Plan has been submitted.
- Further pre-construction work is on-hold until the connection agreement is approved by AEMO.

### 10.3 Community Representative feedback

10.2.1 Glenn Britnell noted there was some concern from a neighbour regarding noise compliance once the wind farm is constructed. WA noted that the project website contains relevant documents including the endorsed Noise Complaint Investigation and Response Plan (NCIRP) and the Pre Construction Noise Assessment. If a noise complaint is received by WA, it will follow the NCIRP process, which includes required response timeframes.  
[https://4991f6c0-778c-42fc-8262-d82ae9453853.filesusr.com/uqd/6a122b\\_b4634573f4d544c3928e9db19f54124c.pdf](https://4991f6c0-778c-42fc-8262-d82ae9453853.filesusr.com/uqd/6a122b_b4634573f4d544c3928e9db19f54124c.pdf)

The Committee agreed that it is important for WA to communicate openly and often with neighbours.

### 10.4 Council

10.4.1 Council noted that Power Purchase Agreements have been secured by GPG for the Ryan Corner and Hawkesdale Wind Farms. Therefore, there is increased activity around those project sites as GPG prepares its management plans.

### 11. General business

11.1 It was noted there is currently some misinformation circulating in the community about the distribution line. WA is producing an information booklet containing factual information about the distribution line, to be made available to the public as soon as possible via a range of methods including a letter to landholders along the distribution line route.

11.2 WA will consider when to hold the next community meeting for the project.

### 12. Date of next CEC meeting:

**Friday 19 February 2021, 10.30pm** – method and venue to be confirmed

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Chair .....

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